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"Let us have faith that right
makes might and in that faith
let us dare to do our duty as
we understand it."

ANVIL CHORUS

"The difficult Thing May
Be Done Right Away. The
Impossible Takes a Little
Longer."

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SAT. NITE—THE BIG NITE OF '44

**Monroe Jockers and His Hollywood Band Will
Bring You the Kind of Swingphony You Like**

**Door Prizes... Prizes for the Best Dancers
Prizes for Radio Singers... Maybe You'll Win
A FEAST OF FUN... REFRESHMENTS**

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JOHN CROSS — BOB DeVILLE (Penens) — MILDRED
UNDERHILL — ART CRAFT — BETTY JEAN PIGMAN

CLUB HOUSE — SATURDAY NITE 9 P.M. 'TILL??

SALVAGE

The Industrial Editors' Association is asking all editors of employee publications to appeal to all their fellow workers who drive to work to put a stack of old newspapers in their automobile trunk and dump them off at the first parking lot they pass displaying the sign, "LEAVE OLD NEWSPAPERS HERE".

If YOU have some old newspapers in your basement won't you gather them up tonight and leave them at a nearby parking lot tomorrow morning. Paper is vitally needed in the war effort—for cartridge cases—food cartons—containers for small arms—and many other things.

HELP WANTED

The following people are needed in our organization, and perhaps among your friends or relatives there may be someone who can fill one of these positions.

If so, will you please ask him or her to come on down to Plomb and talk with Miss Plummer in Personnel. Some of the jobs are light and require no previous training. We will make it as pleasant as possible during the breaking in period, extending every cooperation.

These are the positions now open and number of people needed:

Dip Room, 2; Janitor, 1; Maintenance, 1; Stock Room, 2; Forge Shop, 2 day—1 Swing; Grinding, 2 swing shift; Polish Line, 6 swing shift; Machine Tool Die, 1 swing shift; Anneal and Sanding, 1 swing shift; Accounting Clerk, 1; and Stenographers, 2.

THE MEMPHIS BELLE

Watch next week for the thrilling preview description of the film thriller, "Memphis Belle," to be shown at the Plomb Club House, Tuesday, September 12, at 4:15 and 5:15 P.M.

Limping home on one occasion with her left wing half shot away, more than a thousand bullet holes in her hide, and her inboard engine dead, the skipper ordered his crew to abandon the fortress. "Sorry sir," they called back over the interphone, "we're too busy shooting down Focke-Wulfs".

Don't miss this film—it's the thrill of a lifetime.

News of YOUR Department



Transfers
Promotions
Unusual Doings
Hobbies

Johnny, Mike, Pete and Mary
Sports - Ideas - Photos

News of Boys
in Service
Marriages
Births

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ANNIVERSARY PINS

Office—

ANDRED TOTH.....21 years
 JOHN C. DONLEY..... 2 years

Factory—

WENZEL NEVERKA.....20 years
 ERNEST HEINOLD..... 6 years
 GEORGE BLAKE..... 3 years

Chicago Plant—

JOHN BELL..... 2 years

COMING EVENTS

CLUB HOUSE DANCE
 SATURDAY, AUG. 26
 Monroe Jockers and his Holly-
 wood Recording Orchestra

THE MEMPHIS BELLE: Thrilling
 Aviation Saga — the story of a
 Flying Fortress. Exciting and
 authentic. CLUB HOUSE —
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 —
 4:15 and 5:15 P.M.

FINAL STANDINGS, PLOMB TOOL SUMMER BOWLING LEAGUE

	Team	Prize	Money			
1. Commandos	42	10	\$42.00	\$34.29	\$5.00	\$81.29
2. Tool Makers	34	18	\$34.00	\$26.47		\$60.47
3. 3 Dots & a Dash	34	18	\$34.00			\$49.44
4. Straighteners	33	19	\$33.00			\$33.00
5. Foursome	32	20	\$32.00		\$5.00	\$37.00
6. Challengers	26	26	\$26.00			\$26.00
7. Pirates	25	27	\$25.00			\$25.00
8. Traffic Dept.	22	30	\$22.00			\$22.00
9. 3 Strikes & a Spare	22	30	\$22.00			\$22.00
10. Polishers	18	34	\$18.00			\$18.00
11. Machine Shop	15	37	\$15.00			\$15.00
12. Rockettes	9	43	\$ 9.00			\$ 9.00

Team Prizes

Commandos	High Series	2431	\$5.00
Foursome	High Game	900	\$5.00

Individual Prizes

Women

B. J. Pigman	High Game	187	\$5.00
M. Bach	High Series	489	\$5.00

Men

Ed. Bess	High Game	254	\$5.00
Bob Bach	High Series	623	\$5.00

Sweepstakes

1st Place—Joe Leach	620	\$15.00
2nd Place—Ed Bess	604	\$ 8.00
3rd Place—C. Overin	581	\$ 5.00
4th Place—Joe Plumb	577	\$ 2.00
Low Series—G. Wilkinson	449	\$.60

Total Prize Money — \$448.80

CLUB HOUSE SHOWER LUNCHEON FOR CHARLOTTE CROSSLEY

Tuesday last the girls in CHAR-
 LOTTE'S department gathered at the
 Club House to tender a luncheon in her
 honor, since Charlotte intends embark-
 ing on the sea of matrimony one of
 these days.

The following guests participated in
 the event: ALICE HUNTER, ANNE WAL-
 LING, NOLA HILTON, ESTHER PEN-
 DLETON, ZANIE SAWAYA, PEGGY
 COHEN, BERTHA VIGIL and LUCILLE
 FREEMAN.

Two mere men by the name of
 GEORGE CARLSON and DICK WAL-
 TER also attended. The girls brought
 George along, not only because they
 like him as a boss but also so they could
 take an extra five minutes on their

lunch hour without fear of official criti-
 cism. Pretty smart, girls.

A "shower" of gifts descended upon
 CHARLOTTE who responded with
 many "oh's" and "ah's" as she un-
 wrapped each one. The menu was a
 remarkable cross between a picnic bas-
 ket and a Waldorf special — and was
 enjoyed by everyone.

It is with regret that we have to chron-
 icle a sad aftermath to the party. When
 Charlotte arrived home Tuesday even-
 ing there was a wire from her home in
 Meadville, Pa., informing her that her
 22 year old sister had passed away sud-
 denly. Charlotte took an early morning
 plane for home upon receipt of this sad
 news. All of us extend our deepest sym-
 pathy to her in this sorrow which has
 come to her at a moment when so much
 happiness seemed in prospect for her in
 the immediate future.



ALINE TANNER was in town recently and this happy group of girls enjoyed a party given in her honor at Knott's Berry Place. Private Tanner was here on furlough from her base at Boise, Idaho. A most enjoyable time was had by her and all of her friends in the Custom Inspection Department.

GUESTS AT THE CLUB HOUSE AUGUST 14 to 19th, 1944

Fred Pearson, Paul Kalp, Russell Ross, S. B. Collier, J. W. Bell, Ethel Anderson, Ruby Burbank, Norma Hogan, Mary Quick, Gerald Lucey, Elma C. Sankey, Esther Pendleton, Alice Hunter, F. E. Porter, William McBee, R. M. Lucas, Nellie Brown, Helen Cole, Rose Gonzales, Connie Toncian, LeRoy Kirts, C. S. Evans, E. Carpenter, Milo Kroll, Paul Johnson, Kurt Apel, Jim Cooper, Larry Maher, Clarence Beckman, Jigger Statz, Dick Clark, Albon Hicks, Bob Hines, O. F. Taylor, A. Menconi, Gordon Wilkinson, John Gilmore, Eleanor Thompson, Mildred Underwood, Pat Gay, Frances Davison, Ernest Wyncoop, Bob De Ville, Art Craft, and the Forge Shop Gang.

Thanks to all of you for your loyal support of our Club House. By supporting it actively you make IT an active center for sociable and friendly contact with your fellow workers in plant and office. You also help to put it on a profitable basis. People like to go where there are OTHER people. Help swell the growing procession. It's not far to the Club House bar — and remember — a free Coca Cola and a sandwich to everyone who signs the guest book for the FIRST TIME.

DANCE AT THE CLUB HOUSE

Saturday from 8 P.M. till ??? with Monroe Jockers and His Hollywood Recording Orchestra. Tickets \$1.00 per couple. Get one or more from any member of the Board of Directors of the Plomb Employees Association. Refreshments. Prizes.



GUEST Editorial

"YOUR ASSOCIATION ASKS YOUR COOPERATION"

Morris M. Mautner,

Assistant Comptroller

Recently I was invited by the Board of Directors of the Activities Association to one of their meetings. During the course of the evening it came to my attention that less than 50 employees per day use the facilities offered. Yet, often I have heard from many more than 50 employees that the clubhouse does not offer enough attraction. We can be assured with the present management that if several hundred employees availed themselves of the clubhouse daily that many more conveniences could be regularly obtained and a thriving and profitable little "PX" would be the result.

Many employee groups that I know would relish the idea of an employees owned "PX". Several years ago management realized the latent employee need for a clubhouse, yet today very few people use the building.

Why not give your own association an opportunity to serve you better by patronizing YOUR CLUBHOUSE.

'ONE' FOR "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" RIPLEY

Last Sunday eleven of the Plomb Gang and three guests went deep-sea fishing — everybody caught fish and no one became afflicted with 'mal-de-mer' as the French say, or plain death-defying sea-sickness to you.

JOHN KANA, the cagiest bachelor at Plomb who lends his talents as head of the order department, promoted the trip. He engaged the **BLUE WATER** owned and operated by Dr. Ducker who would rather take a gang game fishing than 'fish' for cavities in the mouths of the movie stars who are his clientele. He was a grand host and knows where the fish are, at least, he did Sunday.

The party left Newport Beach at 5:40 A.M. in a thick fog, located the bait boats at Huntington Beach about 8:00 A.M. and then headed South for the fishing-Paradise some four miles South of San Clemente, arriving there soon after 11 A.M.

DR. PRESMANES, Consul de Cuba, caught the first fish, a barracuda. If the Doctor is as good fishing for business for Cuba as he is for deep-sea fish, his country will one day be the leading commercial center of the Latin-Americas. It must have been his genial smile and soft spoken Spanish caresses which caused the fish to leap for his hook as he only caught about seventy-five pounds of barracuda, sea bass and bonita.

BERARDO PEREZ, head of our export department, won the jack-pot with a ten pound sea-bass although it was but 8 ounces heavier than the one caught by **ART LEON**, a friend of **JOHN KANA'S**.

BILL BRIGGS claims that he was the hard-luck fish-snagger as he is sure that he must have sunk the hook in a Papa tuna only to have him take part of the line with him just before he was brought up near enough to the surface to excite our envy.

DEE NORTON and his brother-in-law, Radioman **McBRIDE** of the United States Navy took away a gunny-sack full of barracuda and bass. **MRS. NORTON** wouldn't believe that the contents of the sack were all fish until **DEE** spilled them out on the driveway. Then she accused him of having bribed someone else until she saw the sackfull of the other three who rode down with **DEE**.

COURT OVERIN, a rank amateur, caught enough edible fish to put him in solid with all of the neighbors as well as his family. **COURT** had to throw back **TEN** mackerel until he learned to fish deep.

PAUL KALP, of the Purchasing Department, used a barrage of Russian endearments to lure the barracuda and bass onto his hook. Perhaps it was that foul pipe or the Sir Walter Raleigh which he was smoking. Anyhow he did right well by himself.

(To Be Continued)

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME EXTRA MONEY?

FRANK COFFMAN, our loyal helper at the Club House, will no longer be able to 'tend bar on Saturday afternoon and evening — from noon to 8 P.M.

If some Plomb Tooler would like to make some extra money doing this work, see Dick Walter at the Club House.

Frank has been a faithful and punctual assistant, is well liked by the men and women in our organization. The man who takes his plice on Saturday will be expected to live up to the motto of our Club House: "There's nothing too good for our patrons."

Dick Walter.

SURVEY REVEALS INTEREST

GENERAL COMMENTS

The 260 members of the Plomb team who answered, voted almost unanimously (96%) in favor of staying with Plomb after the war; they were almost as single-minded in stating that they received considerate treatment at Plomb.

On every question regarding attitude toward Management, three-fourths or more of the answers were favorable.

Sixty-two percent of the respondents indicated that they considered their opportunities at Plomb better than those with their previous employers; another eighteen percent have never worked elsewhere. In the matter of wages and working conditions, the consensus was that Plomb was "about the same" as other plants.

The Cafeteria also received a vote of confidence. 72% of the answers about the food were in the "good" and "excellent" categories, with another 23% in the "good sometimes" category; and 97% of the answers about prices were in the "low" or "reasonable" column, leaving only five percent to complain about the food and three percent to complain about the prices.

In the opinion of many employees, there were some things that could be improved, and others in which they were not interested. For example, 32% do not like the rest-rooms (63% do); 66% are NOT participating in the Company suggestion system; 39% are not interested in the Masseuse service (now discontinued); 32% are not interested in the Employees' Activities Association, 68% are.

Sufficient space was not available to show the tabulation of all 51 questions, or more than a few comments shown in italics below, but from week to week we will print a column headed "Employees' Opinions" which will give a further cross-section of responses received. Watch for this interesting information.

1. Would you like to work at Plomb after the war?

Yes 96%
 No 4%

2. How do you like your present job?

Very good 55%
 Pretty good 27%
 Could be worse 4%
 Could be better 12%
 Don't like 2%

Pro. "I wouldn't change if I could."

Con. I've a sarcastic neighbor — an old crab. People like her shouldn't work around other people.

Pro. Perfectly satisfied with my work.

3. How do your opportunities in this company compare with those with your last employer?

Better 62%
 Not as good 10%
 About the same 20%
 Never worked elsewhere 18%

Pro. Better general attitude toward employees.

Pro. More opportunities for advancement here.

Con. The last place I worked had real efficiency and honest labor.

Con. I was employed during the War rush, and it is my opinion that when it is all over, yours truly will be let out.

4. How do you think your average weekly earnings (gross earnings before deductions) compare with that paid elsewhere for the same type of work?

Better 13%
 About the same 56%
 Lower 31%

Con. I don't know.

Pro. I never made this much money before.

5. What do you think of working conditions here as compared with other plants?

Above average 31%
 Average 65%
 Below average 4%

Pro. I think conditions are splendid, and I don't hesitate to say so.

Con. We need a better understanding between supervisors and employees.

Pro. My answer is based on things Plomb does for its employees.

Con. Ventilating system could be improved.

Pro. We gripe a lot, but that is general throughout the U. S. A.

Con. I don't know.

6. How do you regard safety conditions within the plant generally?



M. B. P.

We are finally able to naire which so many you have been inquiri

The answers were gro of you Plomb people t ings, and employee services, and

The replies to this Questionnaire opinion as we have yet obtained are carried out as soon as they a

The Questionnaire has given us take this opportunity to thank ev completing and sending in a Qu

ANSW

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Good

Not so good 13%

Con. Company general is still carelesne

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Pro. Could and will b

7. Do you think top you?

Yes

No 22%

Con. Top Management Can't say so mu

Pro. I have found it

Con. There are a lo

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Pro. Lord! I hope so

8. Do you feel you other type of work?

Yes

No 22%

Pro. "Completely sat

Con. "Would like to evening."

9. Do you feel yo treatment here?

Yes

No 10%

NG VIEWPOINTS AT PLOMB

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Pro. With very few exceptions, excellently.

Pro. I've had a comfortable feeling ever since joining Plomb.

Con. I doubt if anyone except the paymaster knows I'm here.

10. Do you read the ANVIL CHORUS?

Regularly 76%

Occasionally 21%

Never 3%

11. Do you think the Company has the goodwill of the employees?

Most of them 59%

More than half of them 17%

About half 18%

Less than half 3%

Few of them 3%

12. Are you getting the kind of information you want about the Company?

Yes 89%

No 11%

Con. When if ever are eternal changes of departments going to cease? Or am I too busy to keep up to same.

Con. June 13th will answer the above.

How is our production coming along?

13. Are you interested in the Employee Activities Association?

Yes 68%

No 32%

Pro. I think it is a splendid idea.

Con. At present A.A. does not give enough direct benefit to the greater number of employees.

Pro. Wish I could participate more. Wonderful organization.

Con. Don't know much about. Maybe someone should sell me on its advantages.

14. Do you think the food served in the cafeteria is:

Excellent 27%

Good 45%

Good sometimes 23%

Fair 4%

Poor 1%

Do you think the prices are:

High 3%

Reasonable 68%

Low 29%

Pro. Very excellent.

Con. Don't know.

Pro. Very reasonable for meals.

Pro. Try eating out some time and see!

15. What do you think of your foreman?

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Does he know his stuff?	87%	6%	7%
Does he play favorites?	19%	63%	18%
Does he keep you busy?	94%	5%	1%
Does he keep his promises?	77%	7%	16%
Does he pass the buck?	14%	66%	20%
Does he welcome suggestions?	74%	14%	12%
Is he a good teacher?	70%	14%	16%

Pro. A Foreman has dual responsibility. He has to be a Company man, a mouse, or a long tailed rat. His job is not an easy one.

Pro. Does he keep you busy — plenty.

Con. Does he play favorites — indeed.

Con. Does he pass the buck — he did.

Con. Does he welcome suggestions — if he gets the credit!

Pro. Personally I like Plomb, and am working for a fine bunch of Supervisors and Foremen.

PLOMB TOOLERS TAKE PART IN "INVASION"



A. L. HAWLEY, (right), assistant works manager, and LARRY TISDALE, chief dispatcher, Plomb Tool Co., Los Angeles, were among the many representatives of war industries who were the Navy's guests at exciting amphibious maneuvers.

Serving with a combined Navy-Marine Corps amphibious force for a 24-hour period, A. L. Hawley, assistant works manager, and Larry Tisdale, chief dispatcher, were given the opportunity recently to gain first-hand knowledge of the vital role the products of the Plomb Tool Co., Los Angeles, are playing in the invasion of Saipan, Guam, Tinian and other islands on the Road to Tokyo.

From observation posts above invasion beaches along the Southern California coast they witnessed Navy and Marine Corps ship-to-shore maneuvers employing attack transports and escort ships, aircraft, landing craft and assault troops.

The beach landings were in deadly earnest as several thousand Marines stormed ashore, for the training operation was a dress rehearsal for a blow at the Japanese in the Pacific.

Observation of the amphibious maneuvers climaxed a "tour of duty" for Southern California industrialists which included eating the Marine Corps "chow," sleeping in field tents, riding vehicles which are blasting a path to Tokyo and listening to discussions of Pacific warfare led by Navy and Marine Corps leaders.

The Navy spokesman, and host to the gathering, was Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward, USN, Chief of the Navy's Industrial Incentive Division.

Paying tribute to civilians engaged in war industries, the admiral declared:

"All of you here today are a part of the team actually carrying the war to the Japs, and in consequence you took part in the invasions of Tarawa, of the Marshalls, Saipan and Guam.

"You will be represented also when the American flag is raised over the streets of Tokyo. For it is the guns, ships, planes and equipment your factories and shipyards have turned out, and are turning out today, which are enabling the fighting men of our fleet to push forward."

Turning to the need for even greater production, he said:

"The first battles of production have been won, but, as the Undersecretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ralph A. Bard, declared recently, 'Our battle of production will end only with the defeat of Japan.'"

Navy invasion schedules for the coming year dictate that output must be maintained at high gear, the Admiral said. In the last half of 1944 there will be an increase in production of approximately 10 per cent over the first six months of the year. The schedule for the first six months of 1945, he said, will be three per cent greater than the first half of 1944.

"Our fleet and fighting forces are ready to do the job," Admiral Woodward continued, "and if provided the necessary weapons of war where they need them, when they need them, I can assure you they will finish this war ahead of schedule — and many more of our boys will return home alive.

"Labor and management on the Pacific Coast has put its shoulder to the wheel, and through its creative genius and determination has proved once again that free American workers can out-produce slave workers, no matter what the odds."

Admiral Woodward said the West Coast will have an even greater participation in the war after Germany is defeated, for it will be the jumping-off point for the final attacks against the Japanese.

"Our goals are high, but the Navy is confident that you on the Pacific will continue to back us until victory."

Other high-ranking officers who addressed the group included Rear Adm. Ralph O. Davis, USN, Commander, Amphibious Training Command, Pacific Fleet; Major General Charles F. B. Price, USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, San Diego area; Rear Adm. Joseph R. Defrees, USN (Ret.), Inspector of Naval Material, Los Angeles District, and Colonel James Roosevelt, USMCR, attached to the Amphibious Training Command.

Admiral Davis told the group that "if we don't have what you make, we haven't what it takes. We are just like pieces in a clock. If any part fails, we all fail, but we are not failing.

"Our men go into battle with full confidence in their equipment. With your continued help and our efforts, we'll keep them landing," the Admiral added.

Since the landing craft program was started, Southland producers have delivered millions of dollars worth of parts, Admiral Defrees disclosed.

"Not one ship has been delayed by a shortage of parts manufactured by plants in the Southern California area," he said.

Each of the civilians was given an opportunity to ride in Water Buffaloes, similar to those used in smashing Japanese beach positions on islands in the South and Central Pacific. For many of the men it was their first ride in the landing craft they helped manufacture.

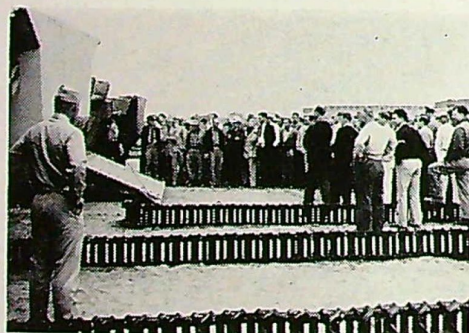
As they watched the amphibious maneuvers from cliffs above the assault beaches, several civilians jumped into ditches occupied by "defending forces" to see first-hand the fire power which might be brought to bear against landing troops.



With the beachhead secured, bulldozers, tractors, half-tracks, trucks and other equipment are speedily brought ashore.



Beachhead



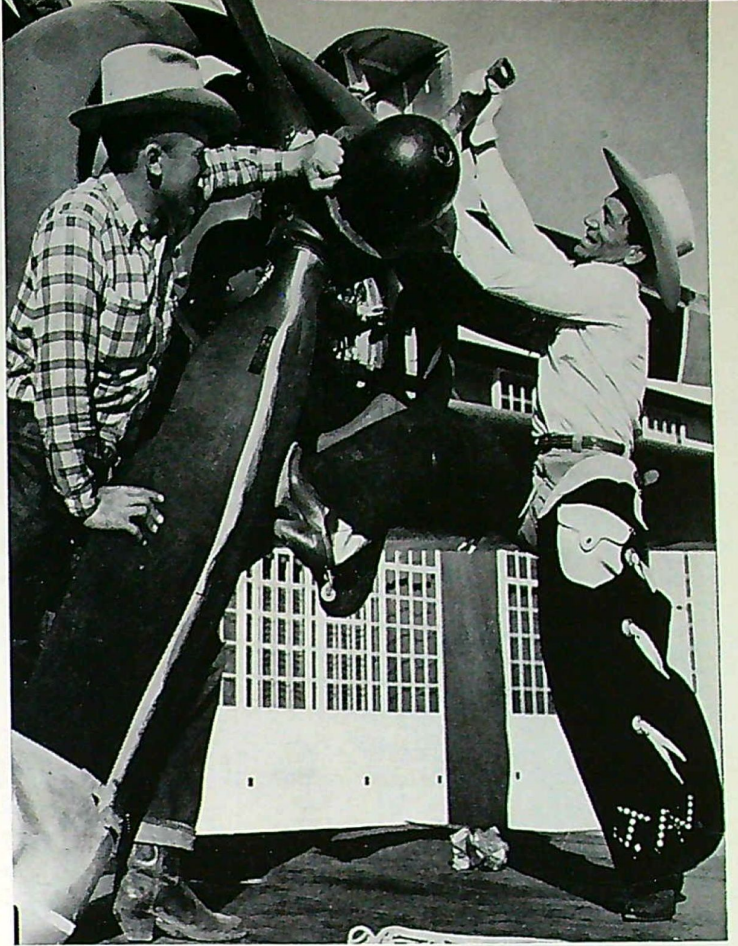
Following the amphibious invasion maneuvers, the industrial leaders were given a close-up view of the latest equipment in use against the enemy.

STRATEGIC REALM FOR WAR INDUSTRY

While air force trainees of the United Nations are spreading their wings over the Southwest, from the desert itself are coming the tools of victory. When military and industrial leaders concluded that further concentration of war industry on the coast was unwise there was one place to go — inland. The move was strategic for more reasons than that of increased safety from possible enemy attack.

In Arizona and elsewhere in the desert hinterland industry found climate that favors maximum human productive efficiency, supplies of key raw materials, abundance of hydroelectric power, and a readily adaptable native manpower. Climate permits year-around operation of outdoor assembly lines at great aircraft plants. Copper and other metals, lumber, cotton, and many industrial supplies are available in abundance. Boulder Dam and other sources of power pour out all the needed kilowatts. And around a nucleus of skilled personnel, war plants have evolved capable forces that include large numbers of vaqueros, Indians, 4-F's, and retired oldsters, all zealous workers.

Industrially, Arizona is rallying to the task of smashing the Axis with the same spirit that the cowpokes formerly displayed in ridding the range of rustlers.

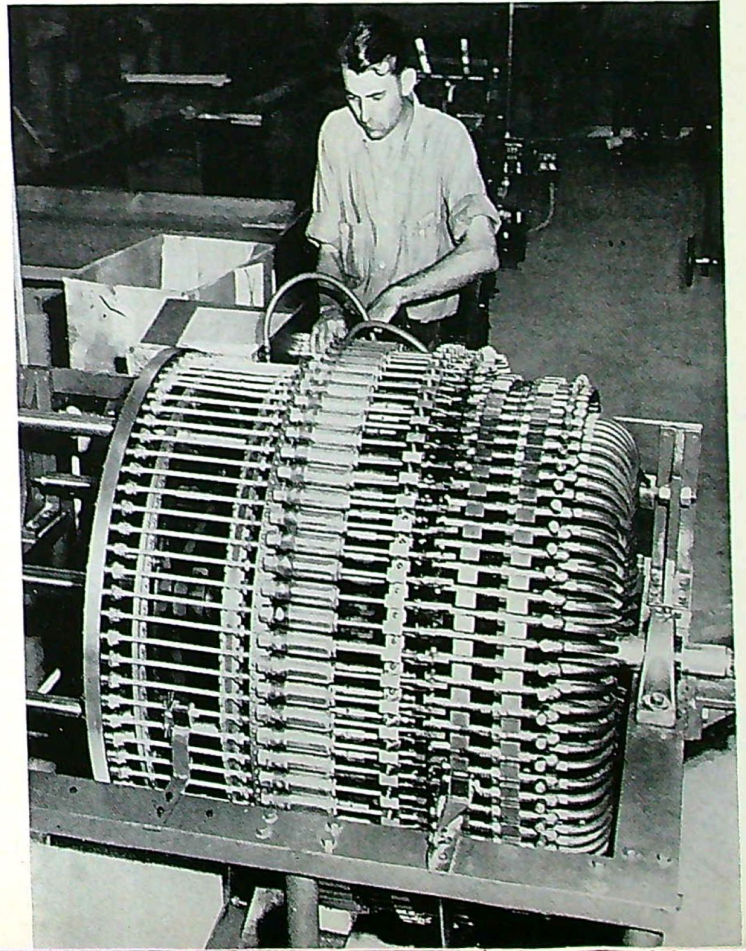


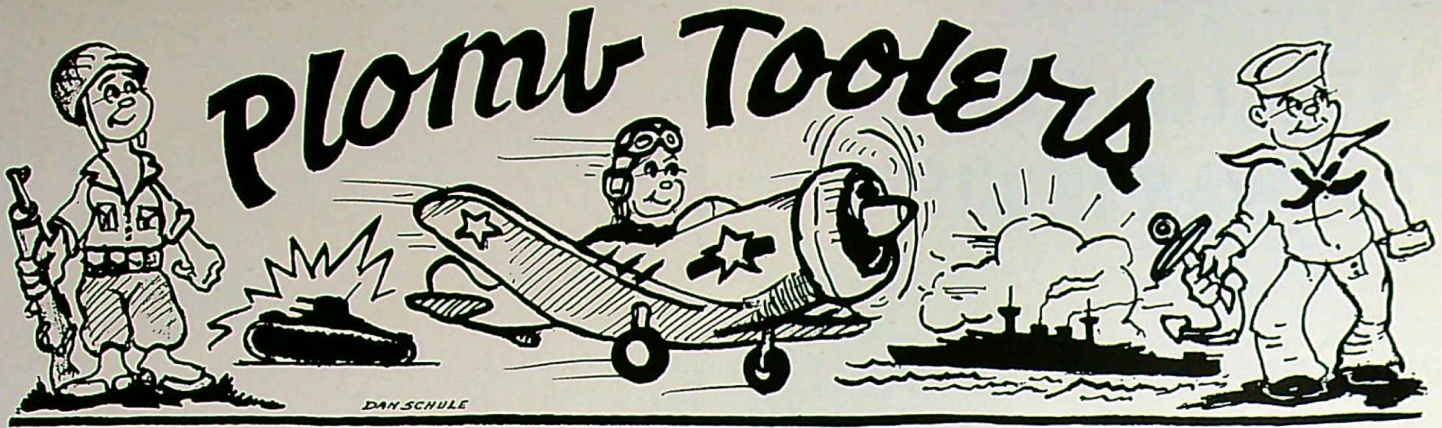
TWIST HER, COWBOY. At Consolidated Vultee's big Liberator bomber modification plant near Tucson, "Tex" Cabanis, former rodeo star and now an airplane worker, handles a different kind of horsepower.



ALUMINUM. At Aluminum Company of America's plant at Phoenix die-pressed shapes like these are produced. They help to form the backbone and framework of almost all kinds of bombers and fighter planes.
Photos Courtesy Public Relations Dept.

MAGIC GADGETS. At AiResearch Manufacturing Company's model plant in Phoenix a worker tests tubes for airplane engine intercoolers, one of several special aids to high altitude flying made at this factory.





IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE U. S. A.

PLOMB TOOLERS IN THE ARMED SERVICE

WAC Detachment
APO #7912
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Pendleton:

Received the Anvil Chorus of July 21st tonight, forwarded from my last station in Georgia. As usual enjoyed it a lot. There are still so many familiar names in it, by which I should judge the turnover problem isn't too great at Plomb — indeed, it shouldn't be for such a grand company. Personally, I enjoyed working for you more than in any other job I've had, with the exception of the Army, of course. Never had a moment's regret that I joined.

I am at present on the West Coast, for how long there is no way of knowing — until Uncle S. decided to move me on. But the west certainly is wonderful after the east for so long. Very happy to be back toward home again. Surely wish I was close enough to drop into the factory for a few hours to see all my friends there — but that will have to wait until I take another long trip and return.

Will you please give the above address to Dick Walter? Thank you.

It would seem good to hear from you should time and the inclination coincide! In the meantime, please accept my kindest regards, and scatter my best greetings to the "family" at Plomb.

Sincerely,
Erma Warner Melvin.

August 15, 1944

Miss Erma Warner Melvin
WAC Detachment
APO #7912, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
Dear Erma:

Your letter of a few days ago has just been received. The inclination has coincided with a clean up to leave for our Portland plant in the next few days, so this won't be either very newsy or very long.

I am sending the correspondence out to Dick Walter so that he can correct his Anvil Chorus mailing list.

I can agree with you on your comments about the company. I enjoy my work more than anything else I do. In fact that is about all that I do, my family stating that they are only incidental.

In general the WAC's seem to be all enthusiastic about the service. If I were a girl, foot loose and fancy free, I would go into one of the services to which women are eligible. You can prop your great grandchildren on your knee and tell them all about how the WAC's won the World War II.

When you get even farther west tell us all about your experiences. In the meantime, rest assured you leave many friends here on the mainland who will be wishing you well.

Sincerely,
Morris B. Pendleton.

MBP:]

SALES PROMOTION DEPT.

Freeman Kirwin — Mgr.

BEN WILE WRITES "FINIS" TO WAR STORY

Two weeks ago, in our August 4th issue, we printed a full page showing excerpts from two letters written by Lt. Tom Stein to his father, Luther R. Stein, of Louisville, Kentucky. In these letters Lt. Stein described conditions in England and then went on to tell about one of his buddies, "Benny, the blonde haired fellow with the moustache who had dinner with us one night".

Prophetically, he wrote, "Hugh Ashcroft and myself are the only two left out of the whole bunch".

Now comes a note from Ben Wile, Plomb's representative with headquarters in Louisville, which reads: "The excerpts which you published were probably the last letters that Tom wrote. On March 8, Mr. Luther Stein was notified that his son was missing in action. On March 9th, 1944, came notice of his death. Thus the end of a fine son of a fine father." Thanks, Ben, for this note.

This is the price that fathers and mothers the world over are paying to preserve liberty. The war isn't measured by newspaper headlines which tell of our losses in planes which fail to return. The men who fly the planes are the real and tragic casualties. The fighting in the sky is a deadly game and one that is never postponed on account of rain or darkness.

THANKS TO THE YANKS AT HOME!

American workers are in the groove. Hep-cats all, the tune they're jiving is a dance of death for Hitler, Hirohito and all they stand for.

The black doublecross and the red sun, emblems of our once triumphant enemies, are being forced closer home. Soon they will disappear entirely except as meaningful remembrances of the world's most terrible war.

Yankee doughboys and their gallant allied comrades will be in at the kill. They'll haul down the last flag, fire the last shot, herd the last prisoner into the barbed wire enclosure. Then, Peace — it's wonderful!

And the guns that will fire those last salvos, the tanks that will roar into the last town, the planes that will swoop over the last remaining fortifications will come from American factories, made by the Yanks at home, many of them paid for by your War Bonds!

Yes, American workers are in the groove. Like their brothers and sons and husbands across the sea they're the people Hitler once sneered at as "decadent, soft and incompetent." He's not sneering now, for he knows what democratic teamwork means.

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